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TOPIC Military Information from Brandenburg		
EVALUATION	PLACE OBTAINED	25X1
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1. [redacted] the Pionier Kaserne on Arado Platz, Brandenburg (N 53/Z 23), stated in mid-April 1950 that a tank and an AAA unit were quartered in the barracks. Three T 34 tanks were seen in one garage and nine guns in another. When linen was changed, the tank unit drew for 340 men and the AAA unit for 222 men. *

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2. On 24 April 1950, five guns of 80 to 100 mm caliber were emplaced in the former Opel Plant area near the railroad line leading from Altstedter Bahnhof to the transshipment harbor on Silo Kanal. The gun crews were accommodated in nearby earth shelters. A telephone line was laid from the gun emplacements to the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne. **

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3. [redacted] in April 1950, the following railroad spurs were used by the specific units :

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a. Spur to the Arado Plant

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b. Spur to the Opel-Exelsior Plant [redacted]

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c. Spur to the Landesanstalt-Briest [redacted]
[redacted] resettlers' camp No. 226 and the Kech
coal dump. ***

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4. Four light AA guns were moved into previously
constructed AAA unit emplacements in the Opel
Plant area on 3 May 1950. The gun crews were
accommodated in tents. **

* [redacted] Comment. Periodic reports [redacted]
[redacted] indicate that a tank component
of the 10th Gds Tank Div may be located in the
Pionier Kaserne at the airfield. The superior
headquarters of the AAA unit repeatedly observed
in the barracks is not known.

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** [redacted] Comment. The emplaced guns probably belong
to the AAA unit in the Pionier Kaserne.

*** [redacted] Comment. [redacted] is assigned to the Doebe-
ritz Hq of the 1st Mecz Div. [redacted]
[redacted] is assigned to the Jueterbog
253rd Airdrome Bn. [redacted] confirms the Kramp-
nitz 63rd Gds Tank Regt of the 10th Gds Tank
Div up to April 1950. Elements of the regiment
may be stationed in Brandenburg. [redacted] was
previously observed with the Soviet Army unit at
the Merseburg airfield.

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